(b) The country is likely to become self-sufficient in rubber by the end of the 8th Plan. To achieve this, a three pronged strategy on the following lines has been suggested by the Rubber Board during the 8th plan.

(1) Expansion of area under rubber by 80,000 hectares.

(2) Replantation of old and low yielding areas with modern high yielding cultivars in an area of 40,000 hectares.

(3) Raising productivity of existing plantations by popularising adoption of modern technology in plant protection, manuring, harvesting and crop processing.

The proposal is pending finalisation of 8th Plan outlays.

Loss in Konark Jute Mill in Orissa

12. SHRI JAGADISH JANI; Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Konark Jute Mill in Orissa is running at loss;

(b) if so, since when and what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken to improve the performance of that mill.

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND "" FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) Information in respect of Konark Jute Mill Ltd., a Joint Secfor Undertaking of the Industrial Development Corporation of Orissa Ltd. and the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Increasing export of handlooms and handicrafts from Orissa

13. SHRI JAGADISH JANI; Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries importing handlooms and handicrafts from Orissa;

(b) whether there is Scope for increasing the export of handlooms and handicrafts from that State; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in that direction during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) State-wise export figures are not maintained. EEC and USA are main markets for export of handloom. and handicraft products from India.

(b) and (c) Government have been taking a number of Steps to boost exports of handlooms and handicrafts from the country, including Orissa, which include sending trade delegations, conducting market studies and market research, releasing advertisements in foreign trade magazines and distribution of publicity material, participation in fairs in major markets, quality improvement and grant of export incentives etc.

परिचालन में काला धन

14. डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में इस समय अनुमानत: कुल कितना काला धन परिचालन में है ;

(ख) सरकार के मूल्यांकन के अनुसार किन-किन व्यवसायों में काले धन का निवेश किया गया है ;

(ग) काले धन का मुद्रास्फीति पर क्या प्रभाव पड़ा है ; और

(घ) काले धन का पता लगाने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या प्रभावी कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री और विदेश मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री दिग्विजय सिंह) : (क) देश में काले धन के परिचालन की राशि के संबंध में कोई